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NOTICE OF FEDERAL INTEREST FOR
AN OIL POLLUTION INCIDENT

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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USCG MARINE SAFETY OFFICE
U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE
BALTIMORE, MD. 21202-4029

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28 Mar 93

Gentlemen:

On or about 28 Mar 93, an oil pollution incident occurred or threatens to occur at behind Reston Reservoir (Pipeline Re-plug). You may be financially responsible for that incident. Under Federal Statutes, the United States Government may take action to minimize or mitigate damage to the public health or welfare that is threatened or that may be caused by this incident.

Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the responsible party is liable for, among other things, removal costs and damages resulting from this incident. The failure or refusal of the responsible party to provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance requested by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) will eliminate any defense or entitlement to limited liability which otherwise might be available under the Act.

You are advised that your failure to properly carry out the removal of the discharge as ordered by the OSC or to comply with any administrative orders necessary to protect the public health and welfare, may subject you to additional penalties. For such failure, owners, operators, or persons in charge of the vessel or facility from which the oil is discharged are subject under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA), as amended, to a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day of violation or up to 3 times the costs incurred by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. Should you require further information concerning this matter, please contact USCG Major 410 962 5111 at the above address and telephone number.

As long as the OSC determines that you are taking adequate actions in this matter, Federal removal action will usually be limited to monitoring the progress of your actions and providing guidance as necessary. Under the FWPCA, as amended, your response actions may be taken into account in determining the amount of any penalty assessed as a result of the discharge.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Wings

Received and Acknowledged: Larry E. Schuman

Witness(es): _____

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